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FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY RTG MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 1830 HOURS AUGUST 17 BANGKOK TIME
FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER:

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TODAY INDICATED
THAT IT SHARES THE VIEW OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT THAT
INITIAL REDUCTIONS OF UNITED STATES' FORCES IN THAILAND
CAN TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH THIS IN MIND,
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCE THEIR AGREEMENT TO PROCEED
WITH OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING
THE LEVEL OF UNITED STATES' FORCES IN THAILAND.

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QUOTE. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER, REAFFIRM

THEIR INTENTION THAT THESE REDUCTIONS SHALL BE GRADUAL AND
RELATED TO THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

QUOTE. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON PLANS FOR
REDUCTIONS. UNQUOTE.
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